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SUBJ: ILO: GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN PREDICTS HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE  
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PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, PERSONS AND QUACKENBUSH

1. SUMMARY. POSSIBILITY OF EE BLOC REPRESENTATIVE BEING  
ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ILO GOVERNING BODY (GB) FOR 1976-77  
TERM RAISES POLICY AND TACTICAL QUESTIONS FOR US. END  
SUMMARY.

2. IN COURSE OF SOCIAL CONVERSATION, NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN  
OF GOVERNING BODY (COOK, AUSTRALIA) TOLD LABATT HE THOUGHT  
SOVIETS WERE GROMMING POLISH AMBASSADOR NASZKOWSKI TO SUCCEED  
HIM NEXT YEAR. AS EVIDENCE, COOK POINTED OUT SOVIET SUPPORT  
FOR NASZKOWSKI'S UNSUCCESSFUL BID FOR CHAIARMSHIP OF THE  
SELECTION COMMITTEE OF 60TH SESSION OF ILO CONFERENCE AND  
FOR SUCCESSFUL EFFORT (AT THE JUNE 26 SESSION OF GB) TO  
APPOINT NASZKOWSKI AS THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON A  
THREE-MANTRIPARTITE DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE GB AT THE 6TH  
SESSION OF THE AFRICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE LATER THIS YEAR.  
COOK SAID THE SOVIETS "HAD GIVEN UP ON GOROCHKINE" AS A  
CROTCHETY, DIFFICULT OLD MAN AND HAD HINTED TO HIM  
THAT NASZKOWSKI WOULD BE AN "EASIER CANDIDATE TO SELL."  
ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT YET SOUNDED OUT THE WESTERN EUROPEANS,  
COOK BELIEVES THEY WOULD SUPPORT NASZKOWSKI BECAUSE  
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IT IS "EUROPE'S TURN" AND BECAUSE HE IS A CAPABLE, LOW-KEY

VUREUCRAT. COOK SAID THAT IN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION LIKE THE ILO IT WAS AN "OUTRAGE" THAT A MAJOR GROUP OF NATIONS (EE) SHOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED IN TURN LIKE THE OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS. HE THOUGHT ASIANS AND OTHERS WOULD SUPPORT AN EE CHAIRMAN FOR THE GOVDRNING BODY. COOK SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT NASZKOWSKI AND URGED THE US NOT TO OPPOSE HIM AS WE HAD OPPOSED GOROCHKINE BECAUSE "IT'S BAD FOR YOUR IMAGE." LABATT COMMENTED THAT US WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY OPPOSE EE CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN AND THAT IF COOK AND WE MEMBER STATES HAD DOUBTS ABOUT THE US RELATIONSHIP WITH ILO, THAT ELECTION OF EE COUNTRY TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF GB WOULD BE REASONABLY GOOD TEST OF US INTENTIONS.

3. COMMENT: NEXT YEAR IS EUROPEAN TURN TO BE CHAIRMAN; EE CANDIDACY IS LIKELY; AND AT THIS TIME WE COUNTRIES PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO OPPOSE NASZKOWSKI CANDIDACY IN EFFECTIVE WAY. COOK, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN PROBING US INTENTION TO STAY IN ILO IN NEW YEAR, ALSO REFLECTS VIEWS PREVALENT IN ILO AND ESPECIALLY AMONG WE MEMBER COUNTRIES THAT ALL REGIONS INCLUDING EE TAKE TURNS AT LEADERSHIP IN ILO. IN CONNECTION WITH ON-GOING REASSESSMENT OF US POSITION VIS-A-VIS ILO, DEPARTMENT AND DOL MIGHT BEAR IN MIND THAT US OPPOSITION TO NASZKOWSKI OR OTHER EE CANDIDATE WILL BE UPHILL BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE BATTLE AND US SHOULD MAKE ITS POSITION CLEAR ASAP; MAJOR THRUST OF US POSITION SHOULD BE INCONGRUITY OF REWARDING EE WITH CHAIRMANSHIP OF GB AFTER FAILURE OF 60TH CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS TO CITE USSR OR OTHER EE MEMBERS (OPPOSITION BY US TO REGIONAL ROTATION IS GOOD BUT SECONDARY ARGUMENT). FURTHERMORE, WITHHOLDING OF US ASSESSMENT (AND IMPLICATION OF ULTIMATE US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO WILL ENHANCE PERSUASIVENESS OF US POSITION TO ALMOST ALL ILO MEMBERS.

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